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COCHISE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

It is open to debate whether the platform adopted by the Cochise County Democratic Central Committee is possessed of the stability, truthfulness in analysis of past performances, and suggestions calculated to inspire enthusiastic party support, in such measure as to insure its unqualified endorsement by the rank and file of Democrats in this county. Surely, no complaints will be heard of its generous tribute to the principles of Jefferson, but thoughtful men and women will pause when they get to that part of the platform which reaffirms allegiance to "the preservation of personal rights; and the equality of all citizens before the laws."

Cochise county has long been under Democratic rule, but have personal rights been preserved faithfully, and have all citizens without distinction of class enjoyed unquestioned equality before the laws? Such has not been the experience of the Warren District where, on account of a larger population than elsewhere in the county, there has been greater opportunities for civic and industrial activities. These have not been attended by satisfactory results. If proof of this be demanded, one has only to refer to the necessity which caused the formation of the Citizens' Protective League, an organization composed of a majority of the community's business men. The existence of the League implies the presence in the Warren District of some undesirable elements. This being true, it would have been relevant for the Democratic platform to take cognizance of the situation by denouncing the undesirables and promising their elimination by means of Democratic measures.

The emphasis in which the platform indulges in its condemnation of efforts to nullify the laws providing for the initiative, referendum and recall, will doubtless offend many Democrats. Here is the plank on that subject:

"That the fundamental principles of popular government, as embodied in the Initiative, Referendum and the Recall—powerful rights secured to Arizona's people through Democratic effort and action—are inherently and everlastingly right; that all movements to abridge these sacred rights and powers, reserved by and vested in the people, should be viewed with the utmost alarm, and particularly and specifically the severest condemnation should be visited upon the proposed constitutional amendment submitted to the people at the next general election entitled, 'To amend subdivision of Section 1, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the State of Arizona, and to provide for the admission of such proposed amendment to the people of the State of Arizona,' which proposal is an obvious design to nullify the Initiative and Referendum, that no measure initiated by, or referred to the people shall be declared adopted unless such voting upon the measure shall receive a majority of all ballots cast, whether voting upon the measure or not."

The Democratic party is indeed entitled to praise for making possible the experiment with initiative and referendum laws. The plan was unassailable in theory. It seemingly provided the best possible vehicle for popular government. It has proven an utter failure in practice, however. Experience has shown that the people neither want, nor can they be induced to take part in the initiation of laws. The people absolutely refuse to assume the obligations of reference. Since the adoption of the initiative and referendum in Arizona, there has not been a single instance where good has come of it. Then why the sweeping condemnation in the Cochise Democratic platform of a proposed reform? Why the fear of permitting the people themselves to sit in judgment of the measure. The proposed amendment goes on further than to say to the people: "If a majority of you do not believe in the initiative and referendum; if you are convinced that it is no more than a useless toy, cast it out." Is the Democratic party in Cochise county afraid to abide by the popular will?

The rejection of the initiative and referendum would bring no discredit to Democracy in Arizona or elsewhere. The measure was adopted in good faith. It should be dismissed without delay and without regret.

The platform's endorsement of the State administration will be read with many a smile. Falsome praise is apt to be nauseating. Arizona has not been smelling like a rose for some five years now, and the drafters of the Cochise platform know it. The platform would have been entitled to more respect if truth had been employed in equal measure with tommyrot in its construction.

MIGHT THIS HAPPEN TO BISBEE?

In 1909 Brockton, Mass., shipped 855,097 cases of shoes in 1910, \$18,828; in 1911, 774,495; in 1912, 679,946; in 1913,

698,386; in 1914, 646,791; in 1915, with all the army shoes thrown in, 611,976. At \$14 a case for wages, if the city held its own, the loss to the shoe workers is about \$13,000,000. As to whether the city has progressed in its chief and only industry one learns that it has lost through removal two-fifths of its shoe manufacture.

It has been proposed in the City Council to inquire regarding the cause of those removals with a view to providing against any further losses and also to devise means by which manufacturers may be induced to locate in the city. But the Council hesitates to publish the record of industrial shame, some of the weak-kneed members intrenching themselves behind the proposition that their sole duty is to enact ordinances and vote appropriations.

In the Brockton Searchlight we find a vigorous demand for an investigation of the city's blight, the cause of which is so plain that as the newspaper puts it, "the kid on the street knows it."

In the news columns appears the statement: "No other city in the land has lost through removals as large a percentage of its industries in twelve years as Brockton has, and there might be a measure of logic in the remark I overheard on the street which was to the effect that if Brockton lost all its shoe business in a hurry it would be better for the future of the city as it would release us from the hold that is slowly but too surely strangling a community that fifteen years ago promised a splendid future."

The reason for Brockton's decadence lies in the fact that the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union is choking the life out of it. "Not only has Brockton's industrial disease been acknowledged by the great mass of the people," says the Searchlight editorially, "but 95 per cent of the shoe workers of this city, if given the protection of an absolutely secret ballot, will give it as their opinion that the policy of their own union is to blame for Brockton's industrial decay."

The lesson of Brockton should not be lost on other communities.

TEAM WORK IN PROTECTING INDUSTRY.

Mobilization and preparedness are the orders of the day. It is well for our army and navy and our people to be prepared for any emergency, but that they may be fully and efficiently equipped, first consideration should be given to our industrial preparedness. If government by unwise and burdensome laws restricts and retards the growth and prosperity of industry, in just so much is the country endangered in times like these. If war should come, the greatest need will be that our industries, our mills, factories and railroads shall be prepared to meet the great tax that will be put upon them. It may be then that the Government and the people will realize how much depends upon our industries and that they are deserving of every consideration and encouragement.

Naturally, the industries of the countries now fighting have suffered greatly, to such an extent in some cases, that they have not only lost their entire export trade, but cannot supply their own needs. Our industries have gained through Europe's lack, until at present, nearly every branch of trade is breaking all records in volume of business. New factories are being built on every hand to fill the ever increasing stream of orders. The demand for employes and material has forced prices up beyond all reason for ordinary times. But these are not ordinary times, they are abnormal and cannot last. The great war will come to an end, probably as suddenly as it began, and then will come a day of reckoning and readjustment for business.

Where will we stand? What will be our position? It will depend upon our industrial preparedness—our ability to hold to a large extent the business we have gained at the expense of Europe.

What is most desired in every organization is team work. This is brought about by everybody, from the management down, working in unison with perfect understanding, not only of what they are doing themselves, but of what others are doing, so that they may all work to the same end. In such an organization the right spirit of competition and the desire to excel exists. The result is efficiency of a high order.

Business men have their different associations, local, state and national. They should make use of them, support them, get together by means of them to exchange ideas and experiences to overcome and adjust problems. Individual effort, no matter how praiseworthy is seldom effective. It is only through co-operation that big results are obtained. The fallacy that "competition is the life of trade" died long ago.

PLENTY OF POTASH.

The reported discovery of rich potash deposits in Cuba adds another important link to the economic independence of the western hemisphere.

Heretofore we have been depending on Germany for our potash. For some inexplicable reason, most of the world's potash seemed to have been stowed in one little spot of the Fatherland. The Germans, having a virtual monopoly, have charged their own prices and limited the output as they saw fit. With the outbreak of the war our supply from that source has been cut off entirely.

The deprivation has been felt seriously in our agriculture and manufacturing. Glass-making, gold-extracting and many other industrial processes have been handicapped. With potash selling for \$500 a ton, its use as fertilizer has almost disappeared. Great efforts have been made to meet the demand, but with little success. The entire domestic output is said to be not more than 10 per cent of the usual German importation. Feldspar, seaweed and other potash-bearing substances offer little hope of a sufficient production.

The Cuban discovery, if it is as great as reported, solves the problem. There are millions of tons, 25 per cent pure, near Motembo, on the border line between Matanzas and Santa Clara provinces. Its digging, refining and transportation should be a simple problem.

REPUBLICANS ADOPT PARTY PLATFORM AT PHOENIX CONFERENCE

Endorses Hughes and Anthony Amendment; Condemns the Papago Land Deal; Pledges a Business Administration.

At a meeting of the Republican party council, held at Phoenix September 16, the following platform was unanimously adopted:

The Republican Party of the State of Arizona in party council assembled unqualifiedly endorses the platform adopted by the Republican National Convention and pledges its united and enthusiastic efforts in support of the nominees of that convention.

Hughes and a Reunited Party
The high character, the splendid record and exalted Americanism of Charles E. Hughes and of Charles W. Fairbanks, are attracting to our reunited party, as the campaign progresses, increasing numbers of patriotic Americans who have not heretofore been identified with us, assuring us of victory.

For the Anthony Amendment
We favor the immediate submission by congress to the state of the proposed equal suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States known as the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

For Justice in Reclamation Service
We favor liberal appropriations by the national government to complete reclamation projects already begun in the state and the construction of new projects. At the same time we favor relief against the imposition as against the land owners under any such project of the excess and improper cost, and to that end we pledge the intelligent and effective efforts of our congressional candidates when elected.

Against the Papago Blunder
We protest against the further setting aside of the public lands within the state for the benefit of the Indians who have already more land than is needed for their support and maintenance.

Hunt's Administration Condemned
We condemn the Hunt administration for its inefficiency and for its gross extravagances and we especially condemn it for its disregard for law and its enforcement and for its indifference to any interest in the state that is not politically subservient to it.

A Business Administration Pledged
And we propose to put in its place an administration pledged to strict economy, a businesslike conduct of state affairs, a strict and impartial enforcement of law, and the putting into effect of such broad, liberal and progressive policies as will attract capital to our state, encourage legitimate enterprise, enlarge the opportunities of labor and employment and improve the condition of our people in every part of our state and in every line of industry.

We condemn the creation of so many useless interlocking and conflicting offices and commissions and favor the retention of such of these only as are needed to carry on the work of the state government with efficiency.

For Fitness and Ability
We condemn nepotism and other prevalent forms of favoritism in the appointment and employment of persons to fill places in the public offices, and declare that fitness, ability and disposition to render service should control in such appointments.

For the Budget System
We favor the adoption of the Budget System for state expenses and point as an example of its necessity to the extravagant and wasteful expenditures of public moneys under the present state administration.

For Equitable Taxation
We favor an equitable imposition of taxes to the end that all classes of property shall bear their just burden of taxation.

Against Politics in School System
We favor the extension of our educational facilities and to that end we favor a more centralized control of our educational institutions in order that a greater economy may be obtained in their conduct and operation and better results obtained from the money expended in their behalf, and as an important step in this direction that politics should be eliminated from our state educational institutions.

For Prohibition Enforcement
We favor the strict enforcement of the prohibition law and such additional legislation as will make it effective.

An Appeal to all Good Citizens
Finally, in behalf of our national and congressional candidates, we appeal to all of our citizens who are dissatisfied with the conduct of national affairs under the present administration and who regard with apprehension its continuance during the next four years. To the election of our candidates on our state and county tickets we invite the cooperation and assistance of those citizens who are dissatisfied with the administration of Governor Hunt and who believe with us that the overthrow of the political machine built up by him throughout the state and the inauguration of an era of sound, sensible, efficient yet broad, liberal and progressive policies of the people of the state.

TAKE CARE, YOU SHALL NOT HARM ME CHE-E-E-ILD!
B. BRINKERHOFF.



FAIRBANKS WINDS UP CAMPAIGN IN PUEBLO, COLORADO

G. O. P. Candidate Charges Democrats With Violating One Term Pledge and in Not Reducing the Cost of Living.

(By Review Leased Wire)
PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 28.—Charles W. Fairbanks closed his campaign in Colorado with an address here tonight in which he openly charged the Democratic party with a violation of their platform pledges both as to the one term proposition and their failure to reduce the high cost of living. He repeated his assertion that the Democratic party had been a failure as to the tariff revision, claiming that the tariff measures enacted under the present administration had been in the interests of the south more than as a benefit to the nation as a whole. He closed his address by urging the election of Charles Evans Hughes.

Mr. Fairbanks left at midnight for Utah where he is scheduled to make three addresses Friday. The first will be at Green River. He will make a short stop at Price and in the evening will deliver an address at Helper. He will deliver an address at Salt Lake City Saturday afternoon.

NOTED ECONOMIST SEES SOCIALISTS AS GERMAN RULERS



Charles P. Steinmetz.

Charles P. Steinmetz, famous German economist, in a lecture to the United States National Association of Manufacturers, is predicting the decline of monarchism in Germany and the rise of socialism. He says that in exchange for aid in the war the Social Democratic party is demanding and receiving the socialization of successive phases of industry.

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